

## The Kingdom of Nanuk

**D1: 12-20 October, 2027\***

**D2: 18 -26 October, 2027\***

**Location: Churchill, Canada**

**Group size: 6;**

**GBP 8,995 for one departure**

**GBP 14,990 for both departures**

**\*inclusive of final departure day from Winnipeg**

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PHOTOGRAPHY



Ok, so, here we go! These will be the only trips I will be able to personally guide in 2027...but don't let that put you off! I've been working with one of the best guides in the Churchill (Manitoba) area for a while to come up with what I hope will be a cost-effective opportunity to maximise your polar bear photography.

Let's start with the basics...

Each trip will include a night in Winnipeg on arrival followed by an early morning flight to Churchill (also included). You will then have a total of 6 nights in the self-styled polar bear capital of the World, with full days out and about searching for bears and other arctic wildlife.

To really maximise your time in the field, I've been able to negotiate to get a second week at a lower rate so if you opt to stay for both departures, you end up with a total of 12 nights on location...making this probably the best bang-for-buck polar bear trip out there.

When you consider that Svalbard is now limiting ships to 500 metres in cub season and 300 metres at other times, then the reality is that if you want to secure some eye-level bear photography moving forward, then Canada is the only real option. The great advantage of our Churchill location is that you fly on a scheduled flight, and therefore although weather can sometimes delay things a bit, we are not subjected to the vagaries of onward charter flights to other locations. If these are restricted, your time on the ground can be severely impacted. Most of those trips are also far shorter (just 3 full days shooting too in real terms), and are spiraling in cost.

This is basically why I've put this together.

We will accommodate you in a comfortable B&B in town, and dinners will all be included.

The trip is **ROOM SHARE**, but singles are possible. However, because of the hotel, please bear in mind we have to pass on the supplement we are billed. If you REALLY can't share, then accept that you will have to pay an extra GBP2,800 per departure. I don't like to do it, but I have zero option – if you need a single, it automatically creates another single in another room in an even-numbered group, and as such we are penalized for that too. We can pass things on at cost of course, but it does seem a lot of “dead” money.

In terms of booking, **you can choose either of the single departures** – both of which get you six nights (5 full days and a couple of half days) photography.

If you opt for the **whole departure**, you end up with **TWELVE nights on location** – a real portfolio booster.

There are just SIX places on each trip, or SIX OVERALL if everyone opts for both weeks. As always, places will be granted on first come, first served.

### **BEAR IN MIND...**

Of course, Churchill is popular. We are unlikely to be ALONE when watching bears, and at times it might feel “busy” (but please appreciate that most remote locations host up to 20 people now, so it's all relative!). We will also be sharing our accommodation with another group of 6 on each week too. However, we will have our own van enabling us to remain self-contained as a group. This transport will be used to scour the surrounding areas for bears and wildlife each day, and set us up for some great photography. It really will be a fab trip and you won't have to share it with 25 other tundra buggies...

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## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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- **GROUP SIZE OF JUST 6 GUESTS IN OUR PARTY**
- **GROUND-LEVEL, ON FOOT POLAR BEAR AND ARCTIC WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY**
- **PRIVATE VEHICLE THROUGHOUT**
- **AS MUCH, OR AS LITTLE, PHOTOGRAPHIC TUITION AS NEEDED**

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## COSTS AND LOGISTICS

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- **Group size: 6 guests only**
- **GBP 8,995 for a single departure; GBP 14,990 for both**
- **Start point: Winnipeg International Airport**
- **End point: Winnipeg International Airport**

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED...

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- **6 (or 12) nights' accommodation in Churchill (full board)**
- **Two nights' accommodation at a comfortable Winnipeg airport hotel, minutes from the terminal on foot**
- **Welcome meal in Winnipeg on arrival evening**
- **Return flight from Churchill to Winnipeg**
- **As much, or as little!, photographic tuition as needed!**

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## WHAT'S NOT...

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- **International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points**
- **Items of a personal nature**
- **Visa fees as appropriate (with your own local consulate/embassy)**
- **Any departure taxes not covered in your international flight**
- **Kit hire (but we do have a special rate for all members if needed)**
- **Gratuities**

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## YOUR ITINERARY....

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### Day 1: Arrive in Winnipeg (1 night)

Make your way to Winnipeg, and on arrival make the short walk from the terminal to your hotel for the night. Once settled, we will have a “welcome” dinner before an early night and getting ready for the adventure to come.

### Day 2-7 (6 nights)

Depart early morning from the hotel for check-in on your Calm Air flight to Churchill. Depending on the ‘plane they use, it will be either a 2 or 2.5 hours flight over northern Manitoba. On arrival, we will meet you at the airport, transfer you to the accommodation in town to get settled, and then head out in the afternoon on our first photo trip.

Each day will then follow the same pattern – up for breakfast (or out even earlier if we think light looks good) to explore the routes around Churchill for bears and other wildlife. At this time of year, polar bears in particular are roaming the edges of town, the beach, the marshes and the flats waiting for the bay to freeze, and we will seek out every opportunity that we can. Lunch will be back in town, as will dinner, but our days will essentially be full of searching and photography ☺ We are never too far from town, so getting back for lunch by the way is not a major mission! Hahaha!

All our photography will be on the ground, eye-level with the bears. Your safety is paramount, and we are well versed and experienced in making conditions safe and secure. We want the wildlife to be natural, and not be affected by our presence.

In addition, if the weather (and solar) conditions permit, we will also spend some time looking for the northern lights. For this, we would head out of town in the evening.

### Day 8: Depart for Winnipeg

Sadly, all good things must come to an end and today and today you will make your way back to Winnipeg. Depending on schedules, you may fit another morning in first – but this will all depend on the flight times (which are not released for a long time yet!). However, my experience is that the flight back is in the evening, so you will definitely be able to squeeze in at least a couple of hours extra in the field.

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## HOW DO I BOOK MY SPACE?

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Send an email to [Andy@faunavista.com](mailto:Andy@faunavista.com) to receive a booking form.

This trip will be done on a **first come, first served** basis. Please indicate if you wish to do one or both departures.

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## Testimonials: people who put up with me....hahaha!

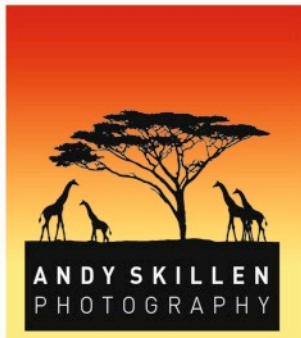
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“Knowledge, humour, attentiveness...all combine to make him [Andy] simply the best photographic guide I have ever travelled with”

“Simply brilliant. My fourth trip with Andy and every time I am challenged more, pushed more and learn more. He’s also bl\*\*dy funny and makes a group gel perfectly”

“Another photo guide recommended I travel with Andy...and what a decision that was. He is simply a different class to every other guide I have been with and would gladly only ever travel with him in the future”

“Brilliant from start to finish – his inspiration on the ground is infectious. I just wish he’d do more trips!”



## **CHANGING THE IMAGE OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...**